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Our Value of the Month for March is **RESILIENCE**



Newsletter – March 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Green Team Winners



Last half term the team with the highest amount of stars was Green Team. They were rewarded with a non-uniform day on the last day of term. Congratulations to them and good luck to all the teams for this half term.

Reporting Absences



A polite reminder that if your child is off school due to illness then could you telephone the office before 9.15am to let the admin staff know so the register can be marked accordingly. If you are leaving a message could you give the name of your child and the reason for the absence. You need to phone the office for each day that your child is off.

Easter Lunch for Parents/Carers



A letter has been sent out about our Easter lunch where parents/carers are invited in to join their child (ren) in school. Infant lunch will be on Tuesday 27th March at 11.45am and older siblings are invited in for this too. Junior pupils will also have their lunch on Wednesday 28th March at 11.45am.

Easter Egg Competition



It is time to start thinking about designs for our Easter Egg competition. Each pupil can enter an imaginative design (maximum A4 size please) that they have made at home. There is a prize for the winner in each year group. Entries need to be in on Monday 26th March and Tuesday 27th March as it will be judged on the morning of Wednesday 28th March. Good luck!

Parents' Evenings



Parents' Evenings this term are on Monday 19th March and Tuesday 20th March. If you would like to arrange an appointment please send the reply slip back to school in the letter that has been sent out.

Year 3 and 4 Class Assembly



Our next class assembly will be presented by Year 3 and 4. Families of children in Year 3/4 are invited to come along on Wednesday 28th March at 9am.

World Book Day and Book Fair



Our theme for World Book Day this year is myths and legends. We hope that children will join in the fun and dress up or come in non-uniform to celebrate our love of reading. More information can be found on www.worldbookday.com. In addition to this The Book People will be holding a book fair in our school week beginning Monday 19th March to Friday 23rd March. The Book People will leave shelves of books for us to display and sell across the week for parents/family members who would like to come into our hall after school.

Safer Internet Day 6th February 2018



The children completed a range of activities on Safer Internet Day this year to raise awareness of how to be safe online. The aim was to ensure children are aware of both the positives and negatives of the internet and have the skills and awareness of what to do if they are uncomfortable with what they see or feel unsafe. Year 5 and 6 had an additional workshop on privacy settings where they watched a short video outlining how easy it is for strangers to access information about them if they don't keep their settings private.

Year 4/5 Class assembly about Inventors and Inventions



Many thanks to Mr Seaton's class for their fantastic assembly at the end of last half term. The theme was 'inventors and inventions' and reflected the work they have been doing. We found out some fascinating facts as well as being entertained with great singing and acting.

Childrens' Mental Health Week 5th February



This year the theme of Childrens' Mental Health Week was 'Being Ourselves' with a focus on talking about 'Big Feelings'. The children watched a short animated film introduced by the Duchess of Cambridge about childrens' feelings and what helps them have good mental health. Each child was then asked to come up with ideas that we could implement in school to support them for Miss Purdy (SENCO) to collate. In addition to this in February the staff received training from (Children and Adolescent Mental Health) CAMHS on how best to support pupils in school.

Nursery Stay and Play Coming up for the Easter Starters



Since opening our nursery in September we have had many children join us in our new provision. Children can join the term after their third birthday for morning or afternoon sessions as well as 30 hours for eligible parents. We look forward to meeting our Easter starters on the morning of Wednesday 14th March from 9.15am when they will be coming in for their stay and play session.

Durham Local Offer Family Information Service



Our Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator (SENCO) recently sent out a pack of information on the services that can be accessed through the County Durham Families Information website. If you need any further advice then please speak to Miss Purdy. You can also access this website by clicking on the 'green tick' icon at the bottom left of our school website home page.

Just a reminder of some key dates to put in your diary:



28 March	Y 3/4 Class assembly
27 March	Easter lunch for nursery & infants
28 March	Easter lunch for juniors
May	KS1 SATs are taken in May
7 May	Bank Holiday – School closed
May	Key Stage 1 SATs taken in May
W/C 14 May	SATS week for Key Stage 2
24 May	Y1 Class assembly
25 May	School closes for half term
4 June	Staff Development Day – School closed to pupils
5 June	School reopens
W/C 11 June	Phonics week
June/July	New Reception visits – visits across June/July - dates to follow
28 June	Reception Assembly
25 June	Sports Day (AM) children come into school wearing a t-shirt in their team colour
2 July	Parents' Evening
3 July	Parents' Evening
12 July	Transition morning to meet the teacher for the next academic year
16 July	Attendance Trip for the class with the best overall attendance
18 July	End of year disco - please note this is a non-uniform day
20 July	School closes for Summer holidays.

Easter holidays: school closes at 3.15pm on Thursday 29th March and re-opens 9am on Monday 16th April 2018.

We hope you have a very happy Easter holiday.

Yours sincerely Mrs L A Snowdon